# EVENTS IN THE FRENCH CAPITAL --- NEWS OF THE FASHION

## American Group in Paris at Brilliant Russian Ball

Among Those Giving Dinner Parties Before the Dance Were Mr. and Mrs. Perry Belmont and Mr. and Mrs. E. Berry Wall.

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PARIS, Dec. 19.

The Russian ball was by far the most brilliant social event of the season. The entire building of the Union Interallife was given over to it, and these clubrooms, where so many parties have been given in former years when they were the home of the Baron and Baroness Henri de Rothschild, have never believed the stage of a scene of such kere been the stage of a scene of such

White Fabrics Are to Play a Big Part in Fashions of the Coming Spring



the Riviera which is suitable for harvest the dry cleaners will reap from Palm Beach. It is of white jersey trimmed with moufflon and buttons of ivory hand painted with gold figures. Neck and belt outlined with gold braid. By Molyneux.

Third-Gown for the South of crepe Marocain banded with white satin. Flounces at side are of satin in brick design applied to the crepe By Molyneux.

Below-Evening gown of black crepe Marocain and Spanish lace with which goes a cream lace fan with red rose. By Molyneux.

it is here. It is expected that women will accept it. It is less dangerous than flame, jade, apple, church purple, and petunia. Possibly the woman with the patunia. Possibly the woman with the pale cream magnolia skin and dark hair when Paris lays stress upon white and character to the whole, and necklaces and gridles of jet are added. Sometimes there is a garland of vivid flowers, like sed roses, dahllas, huge purple peonles, or poinsettias; it trails over silk net flounces to the ankles.

Delight of Older Generation.

The fabric which was the delight of an older generation, a dotted net called voint d'esprit, has been returned by the French dessmakers to evening appared; and Jeanne Lanvin dresses her youngest mannequin, who looks as though she belonged to the 1870 period, in a frock of this net, the small flounces covered with carelessly thrown pink rose leaves.

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The simple frocks that have been fashioned of heavy crepe, also the informal house gowns built of thin crepe or mousseline, are copied in white in the

pale cream magnolla skin and dark hair will not like it as well as she liked black; it is not half so becoming to her coloring. But she had her day. No one could ask more glory than she has had in the long continuance of all black frocks which set off her face, permitted her to rouge her lips and string pearls over her chest. Maybe if all black gives way to all white the world may be spared the sight of thousands of pearls.

With this recrudescence of white clothes there is slight hope held out to those who spell summer in letters of muslin that the lingerie frock of other generations is to be returned to fashion. White shirt waists and duck skirts will not come back. The world is too engrossed in newer fabrics to give a welnot come lack. The world is too engrossed in newer fabrics to give a welcoming hand to weaves that have been still demand fabrics that cling, and all the products of the mills are woven with hat demand in mind. As jersey and silk fabrics have lost their terrors, they will be widely accepted, for they do not require the care and washing of cotton cloths. If heavy crepe weaves are as available it, white as in black they will be chosen. There is little preference shown to taffeta, although the new French evening capes are made of it in brilliant colors, such as flame, jade green, neutnila and Vatican purple.

The circular cape is to serve as a hackgrount for white. Of that fact we are well assured by the Southern ward-

Christmas Tree in Clothes.

reached a degree of popularity in England that was to be expected when the fabric arrived at perfection, for the English women above all others set the style in garments for sports. They prefer the dark colors in them, whereas France and America will take up beige, gray and white for resort wear and keep the styles, the cinnamon browns, the dark blues, for rougher usage, such as golf, motoring and steamer travel.

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